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SUBJ: SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR NEWSOM

1. ON JULY 28 AMBASSADOR NEWSOM DELIVERED SPEECH TITLED  
U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN AN ELECTION YEAR AT LUNCH SPONSORED  
BY JAKARTA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRMS. FOLLOWING  
ARE EXCERPTS FROM SPEECH.

2. QTE THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD ASK HOW AN AMERICAN  
AMBASSADOR CAN SPEAK ABOUT FOREIGN POLICY IN AN ELECTION  
YEAR.  
CAN AN ADMINISTRATION TAKE ANY INITIATIVES WHEN ITS  
OWN TENURE MAY BE UNCERTAIN?

CAN ANYONE PROJECT AMERICAN POLICY INTO THE FUTURE WHEN  
THE ELECTION IS FOUR MONTHS AWAY?  
SUCH QUESTIONS SUGGEST A FEAR THAT THE UNITED  
STATES MAY BE STANDING STILL. THAT NEITHER ITS FRIENDS  
NOR ITS ADVERSARIES CAN EXPECT MUCH FROM THE AMERICAN  
GOVERNMENT DURING THIS PERIOD.

I AM HERE TODAY TO SAY THAT THIS IS NOT SO.

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3. QTE THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAN EXECUTIVE TO

THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE COMMENT OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. MUCH OF THIS HAS FOCUSED ON THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO BRANCHES. THIS FOCUS HAS OBSCURED EXTENSIVE COOPERATION AND GIVE-AND-TAKE. IN MANY AREAS, DESPITE CONTRASTING POINTS OF VIEW, POLICIES AND LEGISLATION HAVE BEEN HAMMERED OUT AND PUT INTO EFFECT. BECAUSE THE VIEWS OF BOTH PARTIES ARE IN THIS MANNER CONSTANTLY BEING INJECTED INTO THE POLICY PROCESS, THERE IS A HIGH DEGREE OF CONTINUITY AND STABILITY IN THE U.S. APPROACH TO WORLD AFFAIRS.

4. QTE THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT AFTER THE ELECTION THERE MAY NOT BE CHANGES IN APPROACH, IN STYLE, IN EMPHASIS. THIS COULD BE TRUE WHETHER THE DEMOCRATS WIN OR GOVERNOR REAGAN IS CHOSEN AS THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE OR PRESIDENT FORD GETS A NEW MANDATE. THE UNDERLYING INTERESTS AND CONCERNS, HOWEVER, REMAIN FIXED. DIFFERENCES WOULD BE LESS OVER WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE, AND MORE OVER HOW THESE BASIC INTERESTS WOULD BE PROTECTED AND OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED.

5. QTE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE A MATTER OF CONCERN TO EVERY NATION. THESE TWO NATIONS, DUBBED "SUPERPOWERS" BY THE REST OF THE WORLD, ALONE HAVE IT WITHIN THEIR CAPACITY TO DESTROY LARGE PARTS OF THE WORLD. IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING AND A REDUCTION OF TENSIONS BETWEEN THEM IS IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST. MOREOVER, AN ADEQUATE BALANCE BETWEEN THESE POWERS IS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO THE SECURITY OF THE FREE NATIONS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE AMERICAN WILLINGNESS TO EXPEND TREASURE, DESPITE PRESSING NEEDS AT HOME, TO MAINTAIN ITS OWN MILITARY STRENGTH IS THUS A MATTER OF IMPORTANCE TO NATIONS IN THIS AREA.

6. QTE A SECOND AREA OF MAJOR CONCERN RECOGNIZED BY BOTH THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IS THAT OF RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

7. QTE THE DEMANDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR A MORE ADVANTAGEOUS ECONOMIC POSITION HAVE BEEN VOICED FOR MANY UNCLASSIFIED

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YEARS. THESE DEMANDS HAVE INCLUDED GREATER PROTECTION FOR THEIR EARNINGS FROM COMMODITY EXPORTS, GREATER SAFEGUARDS AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND AN EXPEDITED TRANSFER OF WEALTH AND TECHNOLOGY. THE CRY FOR GREATER ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE HAS BECOME LOUDER AS POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

8. QTE THE PRESENT UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION HAS

SOUGHT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THESE EXPRESSED NEEDS. THAT EFFORT TO RESPOND CONTINUES, IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS WITHIN THE CONGRESS. IT IS A NEED THAT GOVERNOR CARTER HAS ALSO RECOGNIZED IN HIS FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS.

8. QTE WHILE BROAD SYMPATHY FOR THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXISTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, A DIRECT AND ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN EASY TO ACHIEVE. BECAUSE THE RESPONSE REQUIRES THE RECONCILIATION OF TWO QUITE DIFFERENT WAYS OF LOOKING AT THE PROBLEMS, IT WOULD NOT BE AN EASY MATTER FOR ANY ADMINISTRATION.

10. QTE IF I HEAR THE VOICE OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS CORRECTLY, THEY SAY THAT THEIR PROBLEMS STEM PRIMARILY FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE COLONIAL SYSTEM; THAT THEIR ECONOMIC ILLS TODAY ARE DUE LARGELY TO THEIR EXPLOITATION BY EUROPEAN AND OUTSIDE POWERS; AND THAT THE SOLUTION IS TO BRING ABOUT, BY AGREED INTERNATIONAL MEASURES, A REDISTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD'S WEALTH.

11. QTE MANY IN THE UNITED STATES DO NOT ACCEPT THE IMPLICATION THAT THE WEALTH OF OUR COUNTRY IS THE RESULT OF THE EXPLOITATION OF OTHERS. THERE IS PRIDE IN WHAT MANY OF OUR PEOPLE REGARD AS THE RESULTS OF OUR OWN EFFORT AND INITIATIVE. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY ANALYSIS PAYS INSUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO OTHER PROBLEMS, SUCH AS THE MALDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH WITHIN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, THE UNWILLINGNESS TO TAKE LONG TERM RISKS, THE LACK OF EFFECTIVE TAX SYSTEMS, AND THE DIFFICULTY OF CHANGING OLD WAYS AND CUSTOMS.

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